

Council of Mainz

Condemned Predestination, the determination beforehand of one's actions. The idea that God is selecting, that he pre-determines the eternal status of the soul of some individuals was an early heresy of the Church which was condemned by the Council of Mainz in 848. In a wide sense predestination may

be taken as the divine providence of God
whereby He rules the world knowing by
His infallible prescience the events
of the future even as they will occur
in time. In its strict sense, it means
God's supernatural providence and His
promotion through grace of the eternal
education of all rational creatures. It is
thus that predestination means both the
glory intended by God for all men and the
means He has guaranteed for attaining that glory.